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## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Fresno – Fresno Police Arrest 52 in Massive Gang Operation**

(U) The Fresno Police Department arrested 52 people and seized 13 guns over a five-day span in an effort to dismantle a massive gang operation in the city. 37 of the arrests were known to police as active gang members with violent pasts. The arrests were prompted by three shootings between rival gangs, which police said they needed to intervene to prevent ongoing retaliation.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [ABC30](#)

##### **(U) Sacramento – Four Charged for Dark Web Drug Sales**

(U) Federal authorities charged four people after a Sacramento-based task force purchased cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine from online pharmacies operating on the dark web and traced the packages to the suspects. The packages sent had a postage label that drew the attention of a US postal inspector, who traced the package to a Southern California man named Gabriel Alva. The complaint charges Alva, Catherine Stuckey, George Franco, and Ian Hoffman with conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess controlled substances and money laundering and conspiracy.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

##### **(U) Sunnyvale – Army Veteran Faces Hate Crime Charges for Vehicle Ramming Incident**

(U) The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office announced two hate crime charges against Isaiah Joel Peoples, a 34-year-old army veteran. Peoples is accused of eight counts of attempted murder after he deliberately rammed his car at a high speed into pedestrians at a Silicon Valley crosswalk last month. Peoples targeted the victims because he believed they were Muslim, according to Sunnyvale Police Chief Phan Ngo.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [AP](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Arizona – CBP Officers Seize \$152K Worth of Methamphetamine**

(U) Tucson – US Border Patrol officers seized nearly 51-pounds of methamphetamine on Tuesday at the Port of Nogales. The seizure occurred after officers referred a 29-year-old Mexican man for further inspection when he attempted to enter the US from Mexico. After a CBP narcotics detection canine alerted to a scent, officers searched the man's Nissan sedan and located packages of drugs within all four doors of the vehicle with an estimated value of more than \$152,000.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [CBP](#)

##### **(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Largest Group Ever Encountered**

(U) El Paso – Border Patrol agents apprehended 1,036 illegal aliens on Wednesday morning after they crossed the border in El Paso. All members of the group were from Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador. The group included 934 family members, 63 unaccompanied minors, and 39 single adults. They were taken into custody for processing and initial medical screenings. This adds to the more than 530,000 illegal aliens apprehended or encountered at ports of entry on the Southwest border this year.

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SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [CBP](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – US Measles Patients Reaches Record High**

(U) Washington – Sixty new measles cases were reported in the past week, bringing this year's total to 971, the highest since 1994. Cases have been reported in a total of 26 states thus far. Recent outbreaks have been attributed to foreign travelers spreading it to unvaccinated individuals in the US. The disease was declared effectively eliminated from the US in 2000, but the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a statement on Thursday, that the United States may lose its measles elimination status if the outbreaks continue through summer and fall.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [BBC](#)

**(U) Pennsylvania – Computer Systems Still Down after Cyber Attack on Philadelphia Courts**

(U) Philadelphia – Officials with the First Judicial District announced that a computer virus forced them to take the courts' website, electronic filing system, and employee emails offline due to a possible cyber-attack on Philadelphia's judicial website. The cyber shutdown hits its second week for Philadelphia's courts. Court officials have released very little details about what is going on with the computer system other than to say it is related to a malware and not a ransomware virus.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [CBS](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Car Bomb Targets US Convoy in Afghan Capital**

(U) Kabul – A car bomb attack on a US convoy in the Afghan capital on Friday wounded four US service members and killed at least four Afghan civilians, in the second attack in the city in two days. Witnesses said at least three armored Land Cruiser vehicles were in the convoy, one of which was heavily damaged in the explosion and removed from the scene by crane. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, saying the attack targeted a convoy of "senior foreign advisers", killing 10 and destroying two vehicles.

SOURCE: 31 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Congo – Congolese Forces Kill 26 Islamist Rebels Near Beni**

(U) Goma – Congolese forces killed 26 rebels from a group thought to be linked to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in a shootout in the country's eastern Ebola zone. The clash took place in a village near Beni, an area where more than a dozen different militia groups and associated armed gangs operate, and the epicenter of Congo's worst Ebola epidemic. Insurgents from the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) attacked an army position in Ngite village and soldiers returned fire and pursued them. ADF has not claimed allegiance to ISIS, but witnesses said the Congolese group carried out an attack last month in nearby Bovata that ISIS claimed.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Pakistan – Pakistani Army General Given Life Sentence on Spying Charges**

(U) Islamabad – Pakistan's army has sentenced a general to life imprisonment and ordered the death penalty for a brigadier and a civilian officer convicted in the same case, a military statement said on Thursday. The three were sentenced for espionage and leaking sensitive information to foreign agencies in detriment to Pakistan's national security. The army did not give further details about the information that was leaked or whom it was disclosed to.

SOURCE: 30 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

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